CHAPTER 86/ EXPLOSIVE

SUBBING IN FOR NUMBER 8 SAKAI-KUN,
IS KOMINATO HARUICHI-KUN.
A PINCH HITTER IN THE LOWER LINE-UP...
THEY'RE GEARING UP...
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HARUCCHI~~ LEAVE YOUR BACK TO ME~
JUST GO WILD~
THAT'S KAWAKAMI-SENPAI'S LINE.
BROTHER WAS RIGHT. MY TURN CAME FOR REAL...
DON'T JUST HELP SAWAMURA, YOU SHOULD GET READY TOO.
THE COACH HEAVILY USES CAPABLE PLAYERS AFTER ALL.

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THAT'S NOT LIKE HIM...
...
HE'S... LEANING OVER...
HE WANTS TO GET ON BASE EVEN WITH A DEAD BALL, HUH.

HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO SHOW HIS FEELINGS....
YEP.
...WELL...
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HE COMES UP WITH THINGS I CAN'T EVEN FATHOM...
BUT WHEN HE STANDS ON THE FIELD,
TOKYO
WHAT ARE YOU AFTER, HARUICHI?

HE MUST BE QUITE CONFIDENT IN HIS STRENGTH.
THE METAL BAT IS THE NORM FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL, BUT HE'S USING A WOODEN BAT, HUH....
HOW WILL YOU JUDGE AN INSIDE PITCH WITH THAT FORM!!
BUT...
MY AIM IS
IN FRONT OF YOUR KNEES—

THE FIRST IN-COURSE?
HIS AIM IS
H- HE SPREAD HIS LEGS!!
USELESS!!
HOWEVER YOU HIT THAT, IT'LL BE A FOUL...

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A HIT TO THE LEFT FIELD ON THE FIRST PITCH!!
HELL YEAH!
TOKYO
YOU, PROUD OF HIS CONTROL, WILL DEFINITELY THROW AN INSIDE PITCH...
THAT WAS WHAT HE AIMED FOR....
TO THE LEFT...!?
T- THAT WENT
NICE BATTING, HAMACCHI~~!

IT'S REALLY TROUBLESOME....
OHH~! HE'S DOING AN EMBARRASSING STRIKING POSE!
HE'S BRIGHT RED!
!"
HE GOT IMPRESSIVE SENSES....
HAVING HIM AS A LITTLE BROTHER...
YEAH~~! FOLLOW AFTER HARUCCHI~~!!
A BIG HIT!!
WHAT!?

ME, BUNTING!?
OHHH, PERFECT～～!!
RIGHT ON THE LINE!
WHY IS IT THAT ONLY HIS BUNTING IS GOOD!?
SEIDOU'S KAWAII.
GREAT BUNT, PEASANT～～
TCH.
IT PISSES ME OFF HOW HE EFFORTLESSLY PULLS OF A GOOD BUNT.
KURAMOCHI!

Akikawa
TOKYO
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KURAMOCHI!! WE DON'T NEED A BIG HIT!!
JUST CONNECT!!
LET ME HEAR YOUR VOICES!!
YOU'RE TOO STIFF, BOYS!!
BOTTOM OF THE 7TH, 1 OUT, RUNNER ON SECOND.
THE BATTING LINE-UP RETURNS TO THE TOP WITH KURAMOCHI-KUN.

WHAT KIND OF BATTING WILL THE TOP BATTER SHOW US, WHEN HE
GOT HELD DOWN BY YOU PERFECTLY SO FAR.
LISTEN...
THIS LATE IN THE GAME, THE PRESSURE ON THEIR DEFENSE SHOULD BE QUITE HIGH...
DON'T HIT A FLY—

SMASH A GROUNDER TO THE RIGHT SIDE!!
KUH
HIT SO FORCEFULLY ON AN OUT-SIDE PITCH....
WE CAN'T THROW IT TO THIRD LIKE THAT—

HE'S FAST!!
UWA...
N- NEED TO HURRY...
MAKE IT IN TIM—

AWW〰 IT SLIPPED BY!!
WAS HE TOO HASTY? IT'S AN ERROR BY AKIKAWA!!
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THE SPEEDY RUNNER KURAMOCHI GETS ON BASE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS GAME.
WITH THAT IT'S 1 OUT AND RUNNER ON FIRST AND THIRD.

THIS SITUATION GIVES ROOM FOR A LOT OF THINKING.
IN THE 4TH INNING YOU-KUN FENDED OFF THEIR SQUEEZE...
WHAT KIND OF ATTACK WILL SEIDOU LAUNCH NEXT....
HE'S NOT TAKING A LEAD.
HE DOESN'T WANT TO RUN?

WITH NO LEAD
HE STARTED RUNNING
DON'T THROW!!

IN OTHER WORDS, DESPERATE...
LIKE A CHEETAH AFTER HIS PREY.
EHM...
OHH～LIKE A FISH IN THE WATER.
ACTUALLY, TIME OUT!!
GATHER AT THE MOUND!
THIS IS FINE!! I CAN CONCENTRATE BETTER THIS WAY THAN HAVING HIM LURK ON FIRST BASE.

S- SORRY, SHUN. I WAS TOO HASTY AND MADE A MISTAKE...
DON'T WORRY
WHAT ARE YOU ALL SO STIFF FOR?
GRIND YOUR TEETH!
MAKING IT THIS FAR, WE CAN ONLY TAKE OUR CHANCES NOW!
Y- YEAH.
I'LL THROW TRUSTING THOSE BEHIND ME..
...
EH?
Akikawa
OKYO

S-SHUN.
WILL I GET HIT AND THE GAME BE SETTLED...
OR DO I HAVE A CHANCE TO TURN THIS AROUND....

THRILL OF BEING ON THE EDGE IS THE TRUE PLEASURE OF BASEBALL!?
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THIS
SHUNSHIN...

HE...
SHUN...
Aki-kawa

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A SQUEEZE—!?
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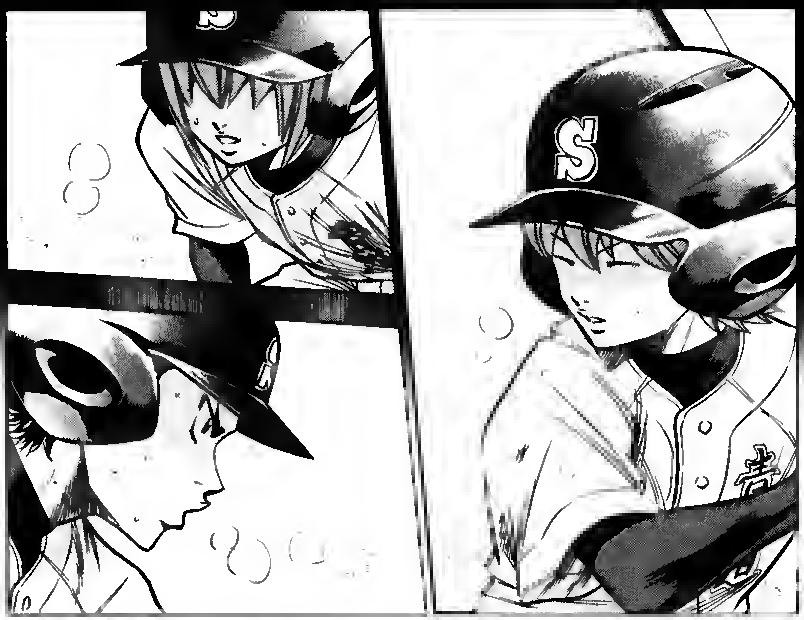

CHAPTER 87/Run Run Run

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SQUEEZE—
A...

IT'S... IT'S OFF....
CATCH IT, SEKIGUCHI!

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BROTHER—

AH...
HE HIT THAT...?
...KUH....

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HE GOT ME—

DAMN....
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B- BACK HOME.
2
THE RUNNER KEEPS RUNNING AFTER THIRD!!

AS IF WE WOULD LET YOU TAKE TWO POINTS
HOY
F- FOR REAL?
FROM A SQUEEZE

OHHHHH, A SECOND POINT~~!!
HIS LEGS ARE FOUL PLAY!!
W- WHAT A FAST SLIDING!!

TO SECON—
S- SEKI-GUCHI!
S
ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
W- WITHOUT MISTAKES
RYOU-SAN~~
NICE RUN!!

BATTING SKILLS ENABLING HIM TO HIT ANY PITCH
AND AN AGGRESSIVE BASE RUNNING THAT'S PART OF HIS BATTING—

THAT'S THE LEVEL OF JAPANESE BASEBALL—

IDIOT.

I WON'T LET IT END WITH JUST THIS!!
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SEIDOU
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SO SEIDOU SCORES FIRST AFTER ALL...
SEIDOU
SEIDOU
SEIDOU
AKIKAWA'S PRECISE MACHINE DID IT'S BEST, BUT...
TANBA AND KAWAKAMI IN RESERVE. TWO MORE INNINGS...
SEIDOU
BUT IT'S THE END NOW.

CHAPTER 88/ WINNER AND LOSER

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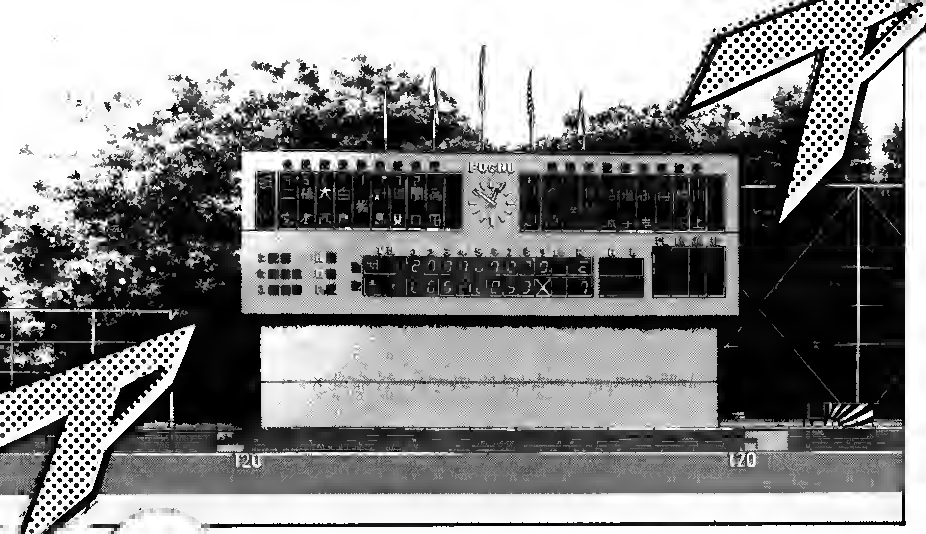
ACE OF SUPPRESSION!!
MORI-SENPAI—!!
NICE BALL!
KAWAKAMI—!!
I WAS WORRIED HE WOULD LOSE HIS TOUCH BECAUSE HE WAS GETTING READY FROM THE FIRST INNING ON...
BUT HE'S USED TO BE A RELIEF PITCHER AFTER ALL...
CALM DOWN, SEKIGUCHI—!!
LOOK CLOSELY AT THE BALL!!
2 OUTS RUNNER ON SECOND
THEY ARE INFECTED BY YOU'S OBSTINACY, HUH
TOKYO

WE'LL END IT WITH THAT
NORI—
TOKYO
I....
TOKYO
I DON'T
WANT TO LET IT END YET.

GET SHUN
HOME—

STRIKE, BATTER OUT!!
1
GAME SET—!!

OKAY, GO LINE UP!!
HOLD YOUR CHEST HIGH!!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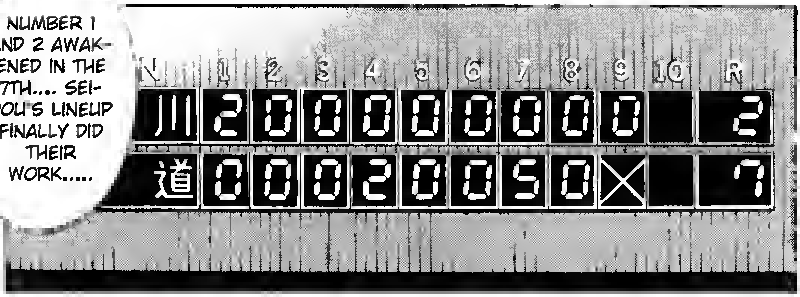
NUMBER 1 AND 2 AWAKENED IN THE 7TH.... SEIDOU'S LINEUP FINALLY DID THEIR WORK.....
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NICE GAME.
THERE INDEED WAS A DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH...
BUT WHAT WORKED IN FAVOR OF SEIDOU WAS...

7 TO 2.
IN THE END, IT'S SEIDOU'S OVERWHELMING VICTORY...

THE TWO FIRST-YEARS
THAT DOMINATED THE GAME UNTIL THE 7TH-INNING—
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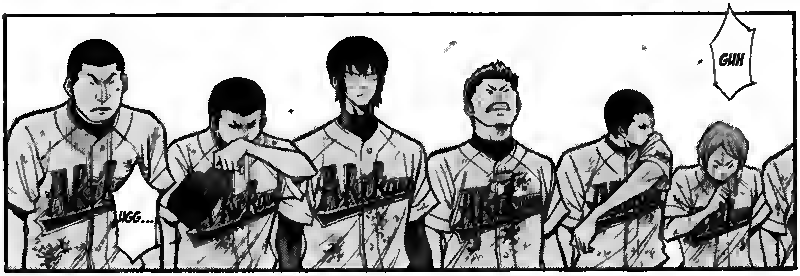
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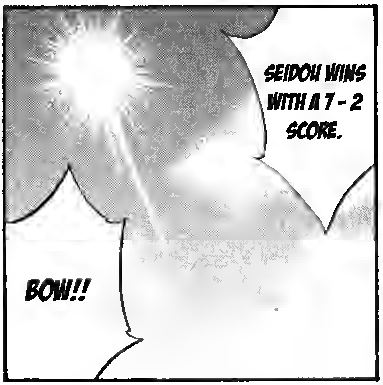
UGG...


SEIDOH WINS WITH A 7 - 2 SCORE.
BOW!!

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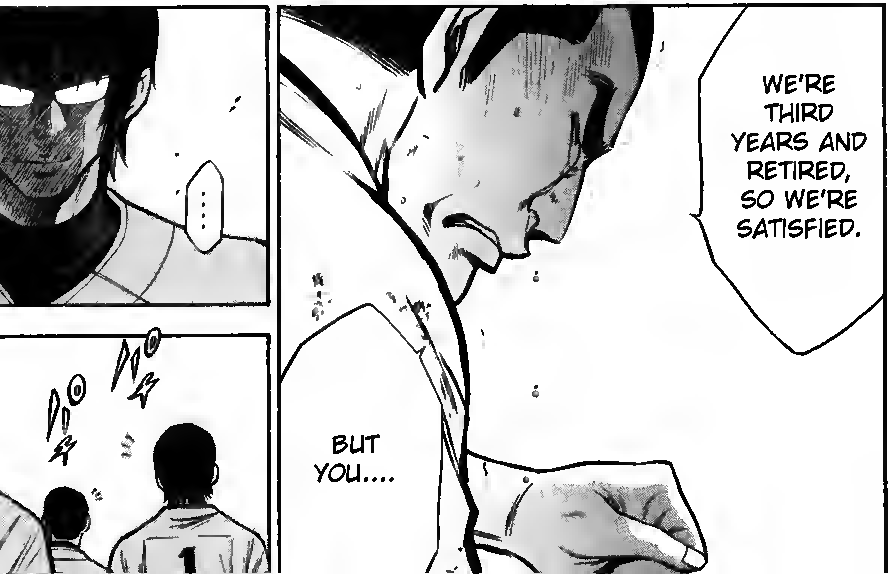
THANKS.
THANKS.

PLAYING AGAINST YOU WAS FUN, YOU!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AGAIN...
NEXT YEAR, HUH...
HMPF!
I DON'T WANT TO PLAY AGAINST HIM AGAIN THOUGH!!!
WHERE DID HE LEARN THAT
PREPARE YOURSELF AND WAIT...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

... WE COULDN'T BECOME YOUR STRENGTH UNTIL THE END...
UGG... SORRY, SHUN
UH... UH...


...
WE'RE THIRD YEARS AND RETIRED, SO WE'RE SATISFIED.
BUT YOU....

YOU PLAYED WELL～!!
NICE GAME!!
BE PROUD～ AKIKAWA—!!
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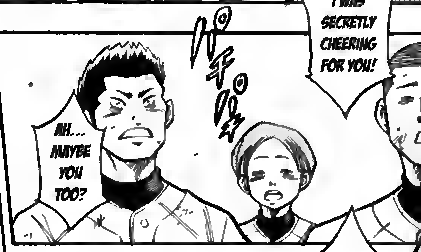
NICE PITCH-ING!!
YOU-KUN～!!


I WAS SECRETLY CHEERING FOR YOU!
AH... MAYBE YOU TOO?

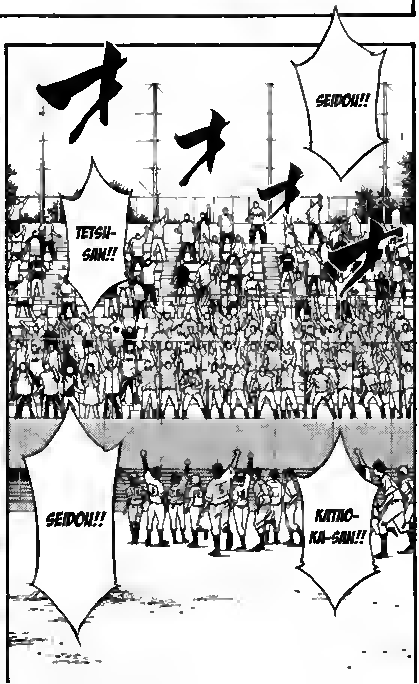
IT WAS A GREAT DEFENSE～!!

GIVE YOUR BEST NEXT YEAR!!
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, SHUNSHIN~~!!
SHUN-SHIN~~!!
YOU-KUN~~!!
I... ENJOYED BASEBALL UNTIL THE BITTER END.
I HAVE NO REGRETS....

NO REGRETS—
...WE STILL HAVE FALL.
AND AFTER THAT SPRING...

IT'S NOT THE END—
IT'S NOT THE END YET, SHUNSHIN—

YOU CAN DO IT!!
MAKE IT TO THE KOUSHIEN THIS YEAR!!
WE'LL COME CHEER AGAIN～!!


SEIDOU!!
TETSU-SAN!!
SEIDOU!!
KATAO-KA-SAN!!

IT WAS JUST A FLUKE!!
DON'T GET COCKY NOW, SAWAMURA!!
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THANKS!!
SEIDOU VS. AKIKAWA, 7 - 2, SEIDOU HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCES INTO THE TOP 8.

Ace of Diamond

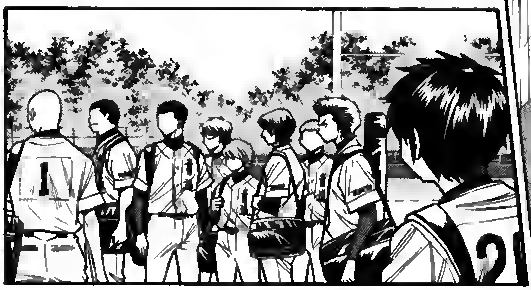
Chapter 89: Who is it tomorrow?!!

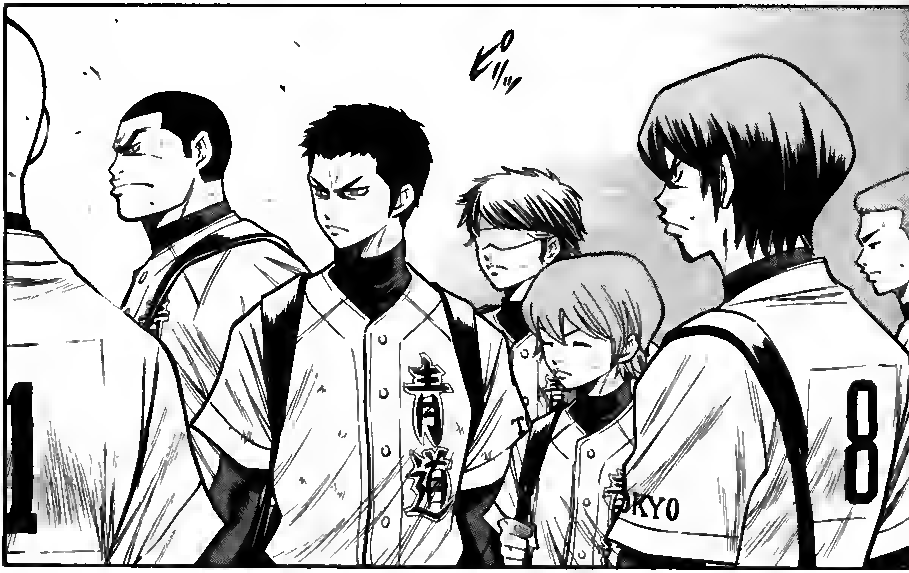
DON'T FORGET ANYTHING!
HEY, HURRY AND CLEAN UP THE BENCH!
I THINK IT WAS QUITE GOOD HOW YOU HELD DOWN THE MIDDLE PART AFTER FURUYA-KUN.
MH?
YOU WERE IN TOP FORM TODAY!
NO, NO. IT WAS A SPLENDID PITCHING.
REALLY WELL DONE
Y- YOU REALLY THINK SO TOO!
THEY WERE LEADING US ON AND I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE IN ENTHUSIASM...
WELL... I WAS PRETTY DESPERATE.

YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO BECOME LIKE YOU!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE AKIKAWA'S BATTERS WERE SO HASTY IN THEIR SWINGS.
YOUR PITCHES SUCKED, AND MOST WERE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE ANYWAY
TOKYO
GUH...
Again his harassment...
FURUYA
NO, NEVER
JUST WATCH!! IN TIME I ALSO WILL BE CALLED A PRECISE MACHINE~!
YEAH! THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN
YOU WERE SAVED BY THE TEAM.

GO REFLECT ON YOUR ACTIONS WHEN YOU'RE BACK, YOU TWO.
DON'T TALK SO HIGH AND MIGHTY!!
...
HIS GAME INEXPERIENCE SHOWED ITSELF.
THE MORE HE TRIES TO ANSWER TO THE SUPPORT OF THE TEAM, THE MORE STRENGTH HE PUTS INTO HIS PITCHES.
IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT, THAT THESE TWO MADE THE GAME.
BUT
GUESS THAT'S THE ONLY THING WE CAN'T FIX THIS SUMMER....

AND SAWAMURA CREATED A FLOW FOR COUNTERING
WITH HIS QUICK PITCHING.
FURUYA'S STRAIGHT UNTIL THE END.
THEY COULDN'T HIT
KAWAKAMI PERFECTLY HELD THEM DOWN IN THE LAST TWO INNINGS.
AND
SA-WA-MU-RA, HURRY UP~
YES!!
AND IF TANBA RETURNS—

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TOKYO

HUH...!? WE WON, BUT, SOMEHOW THE ATMOSPHERE IS...

CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT INTO THE BEST 8!!
I- ICHIDAI-SAN HIGH SCHOOL!

I- I SEE, THEY'RE ALREADY FOCUSED
ON THE NEXT OPPONENT...
WE HAVE NO TIME TO CELEBRATE—

THE WINNING TEAM HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO ADVANCE.
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WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN THE 3RD MATCH. ICHIDAISAN VS YAKUSHI.
PLEASE BEGIN YOUR WARM-UP.

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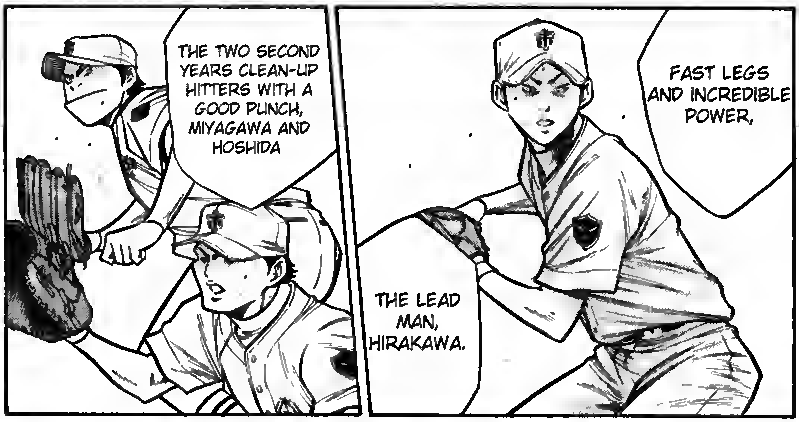
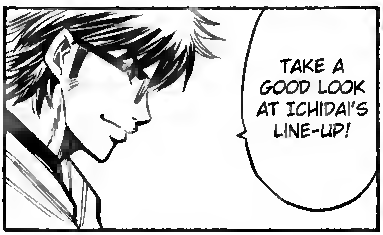
WELL .. THEY WERE IN THE BEST 8 IN THE SPRING.
ICHIDAISAN SURE IS POPULAR.
OOHAE ~!!
ICHIDA ~!
MANAKA ~!!
MANAKA-SAN ~!
OOHAE ~!!
OOHAE ~!!
THEY BROKE DOWN IN THE SPRING TOURNAMENT FROM EXHAUSTION,
BUT RECENTLY THEIR ACE MANAKA HAS BROUGHT THEM BACK TO THEIR FORMER GLORY.

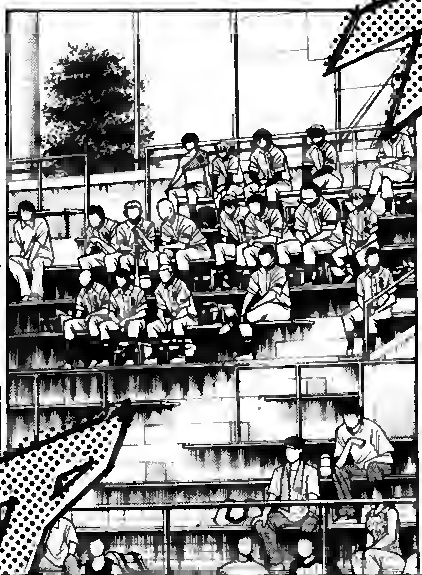
SUPPORTING THEIR POWERFUL LINE-UP AS THE CAPTAIN,
NUMBER 4 THIRD BASE, OOMAE


THE TWO SECOND YEARS CLEAN-UP HITTERS WITH A GOOD PUNCH, MIYAGAWA AND HOSHIDA
FAST LEGS AND INCREDIBLE POWER,
THE LEAD MAN, HIRAKAWA.

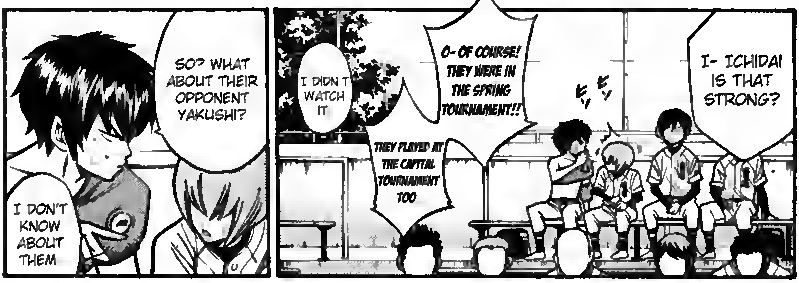
GUESS IT'LL BE ICHIDAI WHO CLIMBS UP IN THIS BLOCK AFTER ALL...
ICHIDAI AND SEIDOU.... THEIR FEARSOME LINE-UPS ARE ABOUT EQUAL.
WELL... WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL THE GAME IS OVER...

BUT I GUESS IT WOULDN'T BE WRONG
TO SAY THE QUARTER FINALS WILL BE SEIDOU VS ICHIDAI.

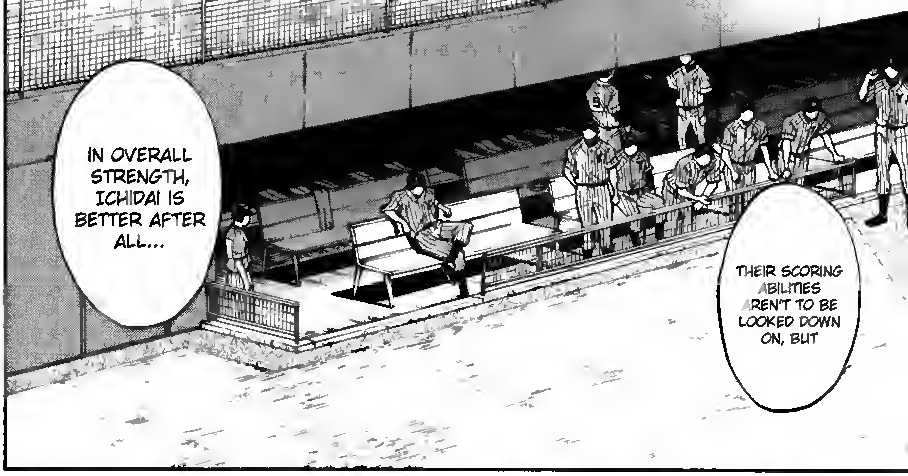

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ICHIDAI'S LINE-UP!

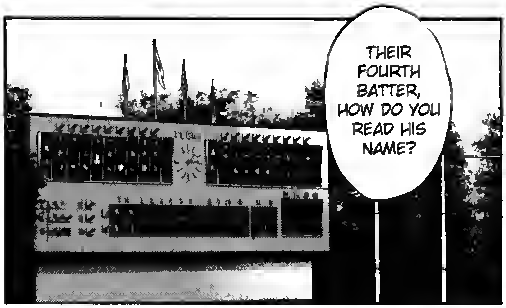


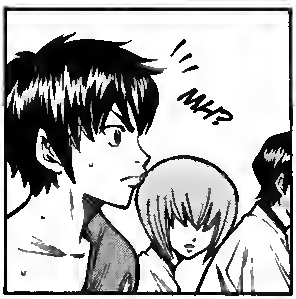
THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM AKIKAWA'S LINE-UP WHO ONLY RELIED ON YOU...


SO? WHAT ABOUT THEIR OPPONENT YAKUSHI?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM
I DIDN'T WATCH IT
THEY PLAYED AT THE CAPITAL TOURNAMENT TOO
O- OF COURSE! THEY WERE IN THE SPRING TOURNAMENT!!
I- ICHIDAI IS THAT STRONG?

LAST YEAR IN SPRING THEIR COACH CHANGED AND THEY BUILT UP IN STRENGTH.
THEY WON THE FIRST GAME AS A CALLED GAME.
A TEAM STRONGLY FOCUSED ON OFFENCE. IT HASN'T BUNTED EVEN ONCE YET.
T- TRUE IT IS, THE CHRIS MEMO!!


IN OVERALL STRENGTH, ICHIDAI IS BETTER AFTER ALL...
THEIR SCORING ABILITIES AREN'T TO BE LOOKED DOWN ON, BUT


THEIR FOURTH BATTER, HOW DO YOU READ HIS NAME?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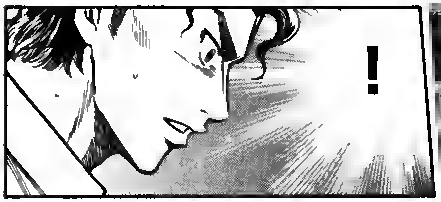
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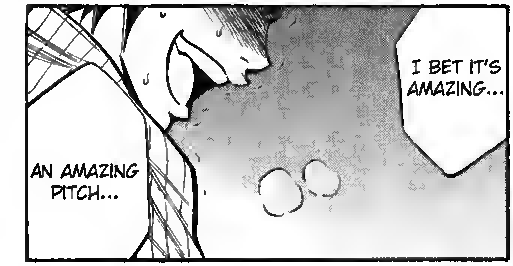
K- KURMA... S- SHA...
菓師
4 福田
9 山内
3 三島
5 轟
7 秋葉
1 三野
辺
林
田
TN 1 2
市 大
菓 師
ISN'T IT "TODOROKI"?

MISHIMA... TODOROKI... AKIBA...!?
THE CLEAN UP HITTERS HAVE ALL BEEN CHANGED.

FIRST-YEARS!?
HUH? THE COACH'S NAME IS TODOROKI TOO, RIGHT?
THEY'RE ALL FIRST-YEARS.
THEY'RE ON THE MEMBER LIST.
PICKING A FIRST-YEAR AS CLEAN UP FOR THE GAME WITH ICHIDAI....!?

RAICHI!
HOW LONG YOU PLAN TO SWING THE BAT! THE GAME'S ALREADY...
JADE PLANT


I BET IT'S AMAZING...
AN AMAZING PITCH...

Again
KAHA...

TODAY'S OPPONENT... HE THREW AT THE KOUSHIEN, RIGHT?

KAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHAH
YAKUSHI HIGH SCHOOL FIRST YEAR,
TODOROKI RAICHI.
YOU OKAY?
I CAN'T STOP SHAKING.

THIS BOY CREATES
A STORM WITH HIS BAT!!

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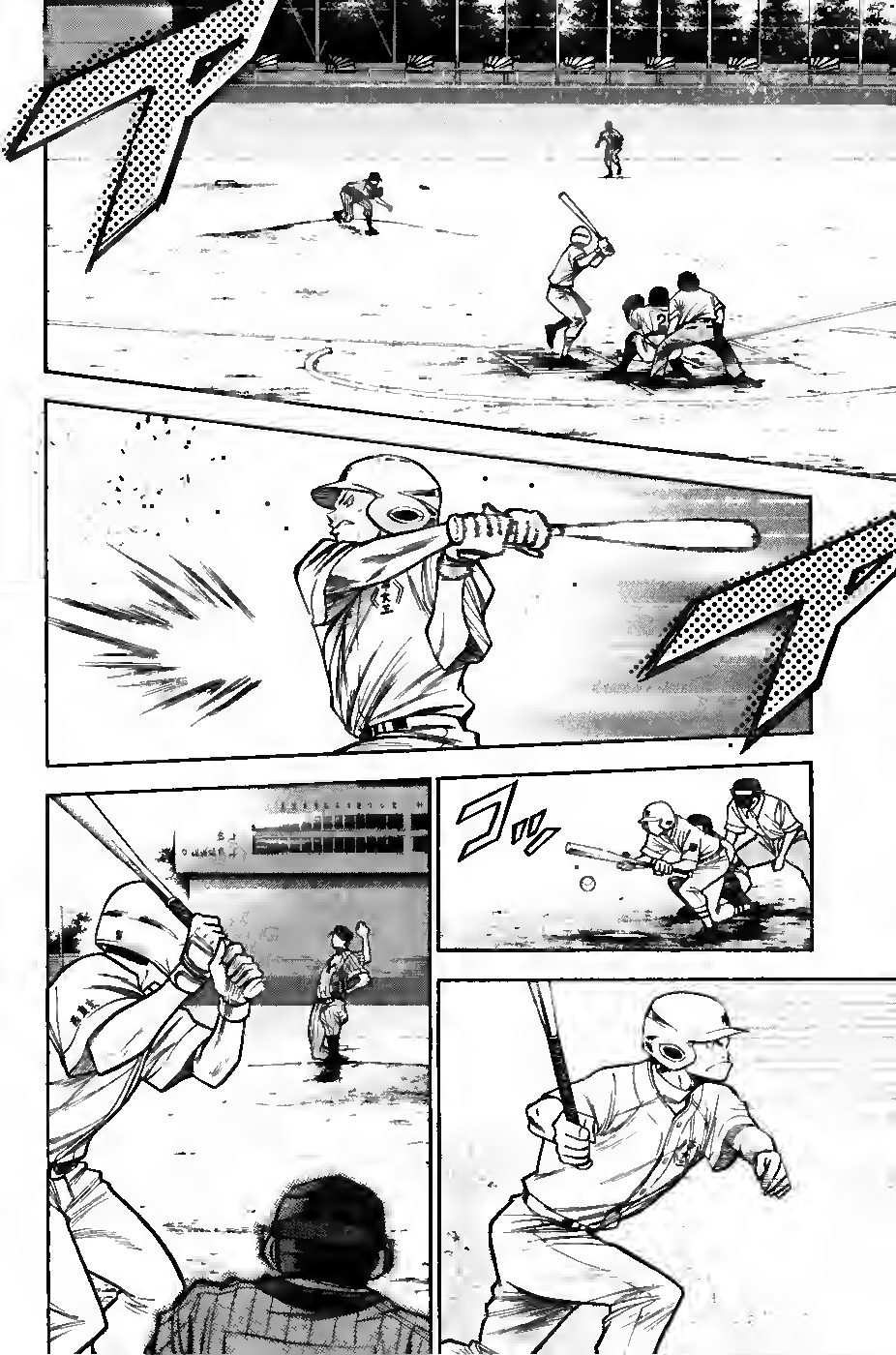

TN 1 2
市大 3
薬師
CAPTAIN !!
OOMAE ~!!
メラ
TCH— THREE RUNS IN THE FIRST INNING
AREN'T THEY FIRED UP!!
HE DOESN'T LOOK THE SAME AGE AS US.
That bastard
OOMAE-SAN!!

O-
IF YOU THINK ABOUT THROWING TO OUR OWN LINE-UP, IT'S EASY TO IMAGINE.
IF THE NUMBER 4, AS THE PILLAR, GETS A BIG HIT, YOU CAN MAKE USE OF SMALL HITS TOO.
OUR LINE-UP...
GOOD JOB!!
THANKS
NICE BATTING, OOMIE!!
GO, GO, ICHIDAI-SAN!!
IF YOU TAKE POINTS, TAKE AS MANY AS YOU CAN!!

!
H- HE CAUGHT IT!!
I- IT'S HIM!!
KAHA-HAHA!
THAT THIRD BASE-MAN!!

HERE ～～!!
WHAT'S THAT THIRD BASE-MAN DOING!!
A SUPER NEWBIE!?
UWAAA, A REAL WILD THROW～～
COULD HE BE A TOTAL NOOB!?
HIS TEAM-MATES ARE SCOLDING HIM SOUNDS FAMILIAR
HEY, KAICHI ～～!!
Don't play around!
THROW IT PROPERLY!!
HE'S THE FIRST-YEAR WHO REPLACED THE NUMBER 4....

TODOROKI RAICHI
DON'T LAUGH IT OFF～!!
THEY CHANGED THEIR CLEAN UP HITTERS WITH PLAYERS WE HAVE NO DATA ON....
...
WHAT EVER SURPRISE ATTACK THE OPPONENT HAS FOR US, IF WE JUST PLAY OUR OWN BASE-BALL, THERE'S NO PROBLEM!!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MANAKA!!
OR...
ARE THEY JUST DESPERATE...

....YES.
SEEING SEIDOU REACH THE BEST 8 WITH HIS OWN EYES
Fufufu
LIGHTED HIS FIRE, HUH...
I HEARD HE'S THE CHILD-HOOD FRIEND OF SEIDOU'S ACE TANB ....
THEY STARTED BASEBALL AT THE SAME TIME..
AND HAD BOTH THE SAME POSITION, PITCHER...
MANAKA ALREADY HAD THE ACE NUMBER, BUT...
UPON ADVANCING TO HIGH SCHOOL, THEY WENT TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS....
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BECAUSE I WANTED TANBA IN OUR TEAM TOO!!
IN TIME, I PLAN TO RAISE A SECOND STRING IN OUR SCHOOL.
WHY DO YOU KNOW SUCH DETAILS!?
director
AT THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION THEY MADE A PROMISE TO BOTH BECOME THE ACE AND FIGHT IT OUT AT THE KOUSHIEN ...
...
EH!? WHY!? WEREN'T YOU INVITED TO ICHIDAI TOO...
KACCHAN, I'M GOING TO SEIDOU...
CHASE YOUR BACK FOREVER, KACCHAN....
I- I CAN'T...
AT FIRST, I WANTED THAT TOO.
BUT... HE HIMSELF CHOOSE TO GO TO SEIDOU...

I WANT TO CHANGE MYSELF AT SEIDOU—
I... WANT TO BECOME A PITCHER ON PAR WITH YOU, KACCHAN.
BUT... SINCE THEN. I GAVE MY BEST HERE TOO.
I NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS THINKING LIKE THAT.
AND RIVAL'S...
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, FRIENDS...
HE WAS A PITCHER AFTER ALL.
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ACE MANAKA, YOU OKAY!?
WHAT YOU NEED TO DEFEAT IS THE TEAM RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, RIGHT?
YOU'RE A BIT TOO FIRED UP RIGHT NOW.
YES!!
OK!! MANAKA, GO, GO, GO!!
IN 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 R
市大 6
薬師

ICHIDAI-SAN SURE HAS SPIRIT ...
6 POINTS RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
ICHIDAI!!
ICHIDAI!!
ICHIDAI!!
ICHIDAI!!
MANAKA LOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE TOO.
IN THE END... WE ARE JUST REAFFIRMING THEIR STRENGTH...
I BET THIS GAME WILL END BEING CALLED...
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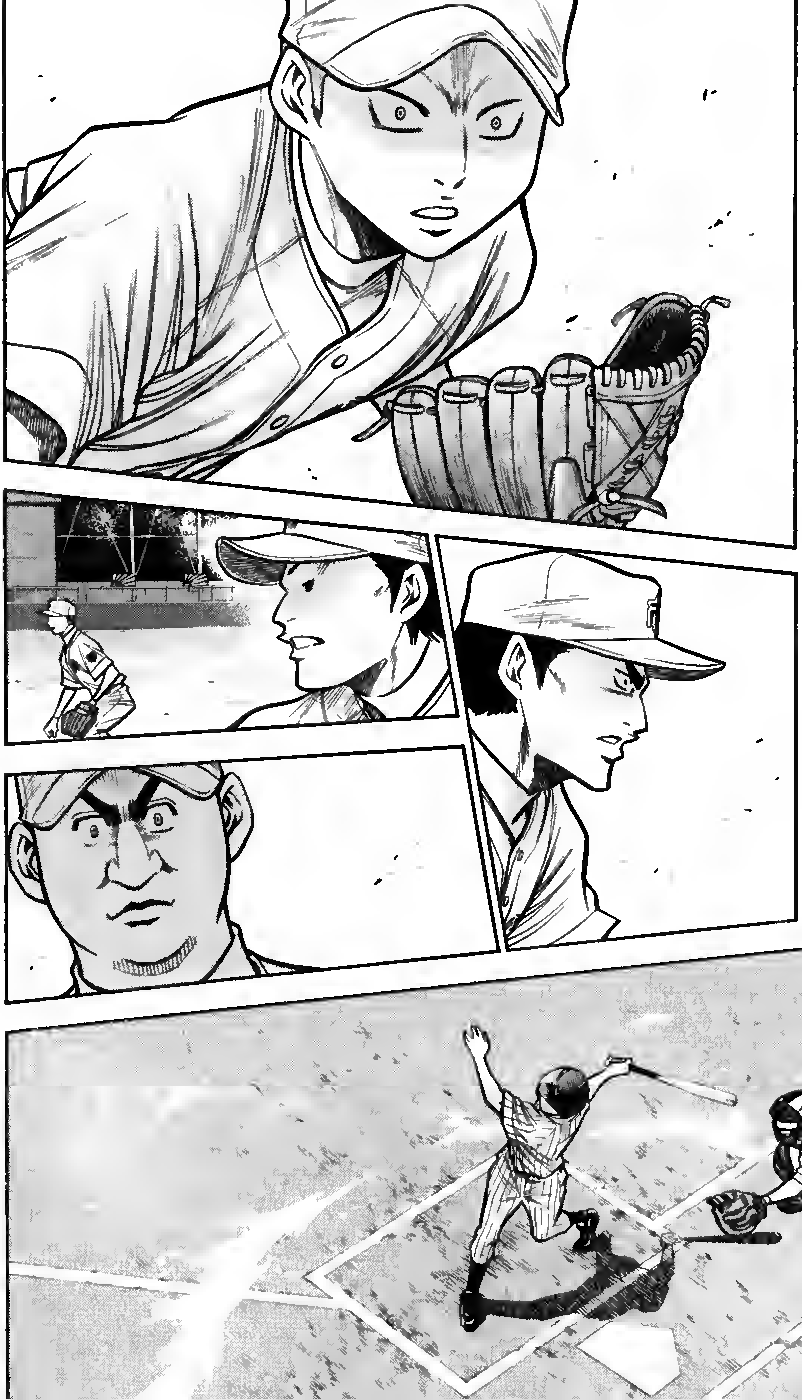

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バキッ

KAHA...
KAHAHAHA
W-
WOW
....
THE BALL EXPLODED AT MY HANDS AND TURNED AROUND....

BASEBALL IS AMAZ-ING
H-HEY START RUNNING ALREADY
T-THAT'S THE SWING OF A FIRST-YEAR?
S-SERI-OUSLY?
MANAKA'S SLIDER....

WH—
WHAT A
GUY—

CHAPTER 91/ DON'T GET IN THE WAY

I NEVER THOUGHT THE GAME WOULD MAKE A TURN LIKE THIS...
SHUT UP.
CHANGE WITH ME!!
HABE～～ YOU'LL BE SWITCHED OUT IF YOU DON'T HIT!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT A HIT～～!!

I CAN'T CONCENTRATE —!!
!
YEAH, MY FIRST HIT!!
SAW THAT, HEY!!
ALL THEIR BATTERS HAVE NO HESITATION IN THEIR SWINGS..
THIS TEAM HAS QUITE THE CAPABLE BATTERS.
...

YAKUSHI HIGH SCHOOL'S COACH TODOROKI RAIZOU
YOU AN IDIOT!?
HIT! WE'RE GOING FOR A HIT!!
WE HAVE A RUNNER WITH NO OUTS...
HUH!?
COACH!! WILL WE BUNT HERE?
THERE'S NO REASON TO SPECIALLY GIVE THEM ONE OUT!!

市大
薬師
MISAKI ～～!!
LET THEM HIT～～!!
THEY'RE NOT BUNTING, MISAKI ～～!!
OK!? MISAKI
ICHIDAI-SAN HAS SPIRIT!!
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MANAKA...

KACCHAN—
11 - 8 IN THE 6TH ...
EVEN IF IT'S ICHIDAI IN THE LEAD, TO THINK IT WOULD BECOME SUCH A ROWDY GAME .
GUESS THE TWO RUNS IN THE FIRST INNING...
TOTALLY SMASHED MANAKA'S RHYTHM—!

WHAT'S FEARFUL IS—
TO LET MANAKA CALM DOWN AGAIN, THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE IN OUTFIELDER ...
HAVING LOST HIS COMPOSURE, HE EVEN ALLOWED A HOME RUN DURING THE FIFTH INNING TOO.
WHO CRUSHES THE PITCHER'S SPIRIT WITH JUST ONE HIT—
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THAT FIRST-YEAR SLUGGER
ゴゴゴ
HEY, RAICHI, DON'T STUFF YOURSELF WITH BA-NANAS!!
AND THAT COACH, WHO LEAVES THE CLEAN UP HIT-TING TO THREE FIRST-YEARS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN IN A GAME SO FAR...

IF YOU HIT ONE MORE HOME RUN, I'LL TREAT YOU TO TONKATSU!!
TONKATSU!!
I... MIGHT BE FIRED AS COACH, YOU SEE..
Aww
IN ANY CASE, IF WE LOSE, THERE'S NO FOOD AT ALL...
DON'T SPEAK OF THAT NOW!!
SINCE WHEN DID WE HAVE THE KIND OF MONEY TO BUY SUCH HIGH-CLASS FOOD!?
TO BEGIN WITH, YOUR DEBTS ARE THE REASON WE—
GUH

UWAA. THEY STARTED FIGHTING AGAIN!!
I'M LONG IN IT!!
HUH? REBELLIOUS STATE?
AT LEAST FEED ME, YOU STUPID FATHER～!!
10
HOW NICE
SERIOUSLY THE COACH AND A PLAYER ARE FIGHTING ON THE BENCH...
YOU...
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME, COACH～!!
GEH
STOP IT, RAICHI ～!!
……!!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TEAM THEY ARE ....

NO....
TCH.
HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME AGAINST SUCH A SCREWED UP TEAM .. FINISH IT ALREADY!!
IF THIS CONTINUES UNTIL THE END, YOU WON'T KNOW HOW IT WILL TURN OUT—
THEY MIGHT BE LEADING, BUT YAKUSHI HAS THE MOMENTUM...
WILL BE HIM AFTER ALL...
THE ONE WHO SETTLE THIS GAME

YEAAH, TWO POINT DIFFER-ENCE!!
NICE BATTING, FUKUDA ～!!
GO ON!!
IF YOU DON'T HIT WE'RE GOING TO LOSE!!
C'MON, C'MON, HIT MORE ～!!
H- HEY WILL ICHIDAI BE FINE
THEY TAKE POINTS AFTER POINTS, BUT ARE ALWAYS CAUGHT UP ON

SECOND!!
!!
UWA～
GOT HIM!!
YEAH
CAPTAIN
OOMAE!!

WE'RE LEADING!!
PUSH THEM DOWN!!
SHUT UP, IDIOT.
AND AGAIN, it's because you don't bunt
YEAH!
ALL THAT LEFT IS—
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT IF WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO PULLS THE TEAM ALONG...
NICE ONE, OOMAE!!
thumbs up

MANAKA
WE NEED YOU TO GET BACK IN FORM—
MISAKI
IF THE OPPONENT IS UP FOR A HIT, THEN JUST LET HIM HIT ....
NO MATTER WHERE I THROW THEM, THEY GET IT.
DAMN... THEY KEEP ON HITTING ....

WE HAVE A RELIABLE DEFENSIVE LINEUP.
JUST DO YOUR OWN PITCHING.
...THOUGH ME SAYING IT HAS NO PERSUASIVE POWER, RIGHT?
N-NO...
MANAKA-SAN...
SORRY... I'VE CAUSED THE TEAM TROUBLES AGAIN ....
BUT... I FEEL THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE...

WE WILL STAND ONCE AGAIN ON THAT STAGE!!
ONCE AGAIN WITH ALL THIS MEM-BERS—
MANAKA...
MANAKA...

BOTTOM OF THE 7TH, ICHIDAI MAKES A PLAYER CHANGE.
おっしゃあああ
HUH... HE'S BACK TO THE MOUND!?
MANAKA-KUN WHO WAS LEFT-FIELDER RETURNS TO BEING THE PITCHER. AND THE LEFT-FIELDER WILL BE....

THE TEAM WON'T BE ABLE TO ADVANCE.
IF HE DOESN'T REGAIN HIS COMPOSURE,
OBVIOUSLY! MANAKA IS ICHIDAI'S ACE.
THAT'S HOW BIG OF AN EXISTENCE THE ACE IS
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KACCHAN....

中大 6 3 0 2 0 0
薬師 4 0 2
ダイヤのA
WE ARE...
NOT A TEAM TO BACK DOWN HERE.
17

CHAPTER 92/
IT'S WAITING.....
DON'T GET IN OUR WAY!!

NICE PITCH, MANAKA!!
NICE BALL, MANAKA!!
YEAH, NICE BALL!!
MANAKA-SAN!!
MANAKA !!
MANAKA !!
SO MUCH FUSS OVER A SINGLE STRIKE OUT
MANAKA!!
20
BE CAREFUL, RAICHI...
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST INNING.

KAHAHA
HEH...
THE CHAMPION'S PRIDE SHOWED UP...
KAHA-HAHA
MANAKA! YOU'RE IN IN THE NEXT INNING.
YOU READY?
I-I CAN'T STOP SHAKING.....

...WE'RE LOSING THOUGH...
YOU SAVE YOUR TRUMP UNTIL THE END.
Fufufu
...
FINALLY. HUH, COACH...
HEH...
CHAMPION'S PRIDE?
I'LL JUST SMASH THAT.
WITH YOUR
BAT, RAICHI—

OK, MANAKA.
THAT'S THE PITCH!!
THAT'S YOUR WINNING SHOT...
HAVE CONFIDENCE AND THROW!!
WITH THAT COURSE YOU WON'T EVER BE HIT!!
HE'S CORNERED—

HAHA.... WOW...
HA HA
IF HE HOLDS DOWN THE BATTER WHO HIT A HOMERUN IN THE FIRST INNING
ICHIDAI CAN GET THEIR MOMENTUM BACK IN ONE SWEEP—
THAT MEANS THE OPPONENT IS THAT DANGEROUS?
HE'S PRECISELY AVOIDING A WEAK PITCH
KAHA-HAHA
WOW!!

COME, KANAME!!
HOLD HIM DOWN
WITH YOUR FEELINGS—

20
GOOD!!
HE MADE HIM SWING ON A BREAKING BALL AND IN THE END IT'S A STRAIGHT!!
HIS SWING WILL BE OFF—

....W-

THE CHAMPIONS OF SPRING, ICHIDAISAN....
W- WE ARE....
BACK OFF HERE....
W- WE CAN'T...
WRAAR
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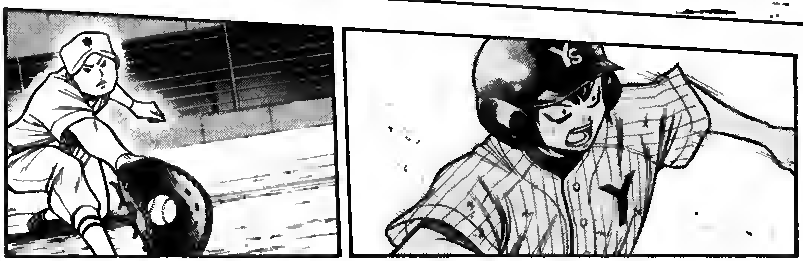
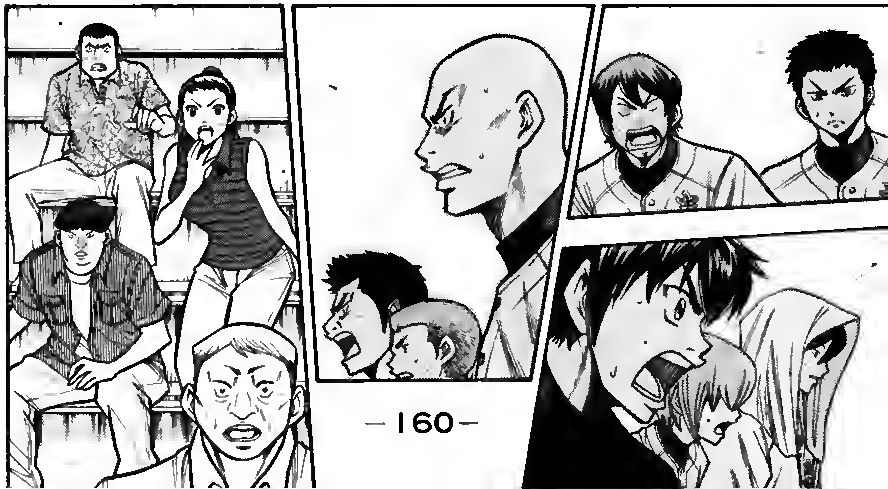
THAT STAGE...
IS WAITING FOR US....





OHHHH, J- JUST NOW
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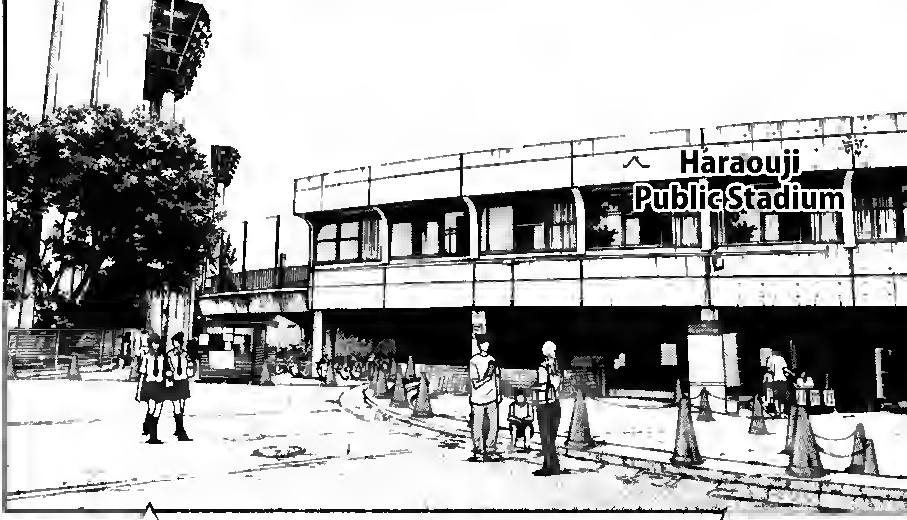
DIDN'T GET MANAKA-SAN HIT....
OR WAS IT THE GLOVE!?
S
Y

MANAKA !!
...GUH
MANAKA-SAN!!
西東京
MANAKA!!
ARIA!?
SHOULDER!?
W- WHERE DID IT HIT YOU!!
NOT GOOD...
THAT'S NOT GOOD.
MANAKA !!
I- I'M FINE.
FOR NOW, DROP BY THE INFIRMARY.
Y- YE...
ISHIKAWA, GO WARM UP!!
RIGHT NOW!!
HURRY UP!

WHILE MANAKA WAS ON THE OUTFIELD, IT ALREADY USED UP TWO OTHER PITCHERS...
I- IF MANAKA GOES OF THE MOUND NOW...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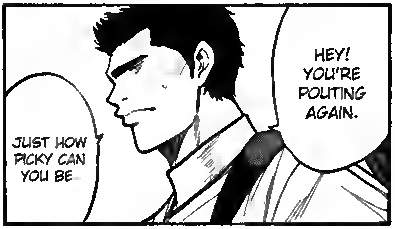
KAKUMIYA～～
NICE PITCH-
ING!!
KEEP ON
GOING
LIKE THAT
～!!
MEI-
KUN!
KAKUMIYA-
KUN!


HEY!
YOU'RE
POUTING
AGAIN.
JUST HOW
PICKY CAN
YOU BE...

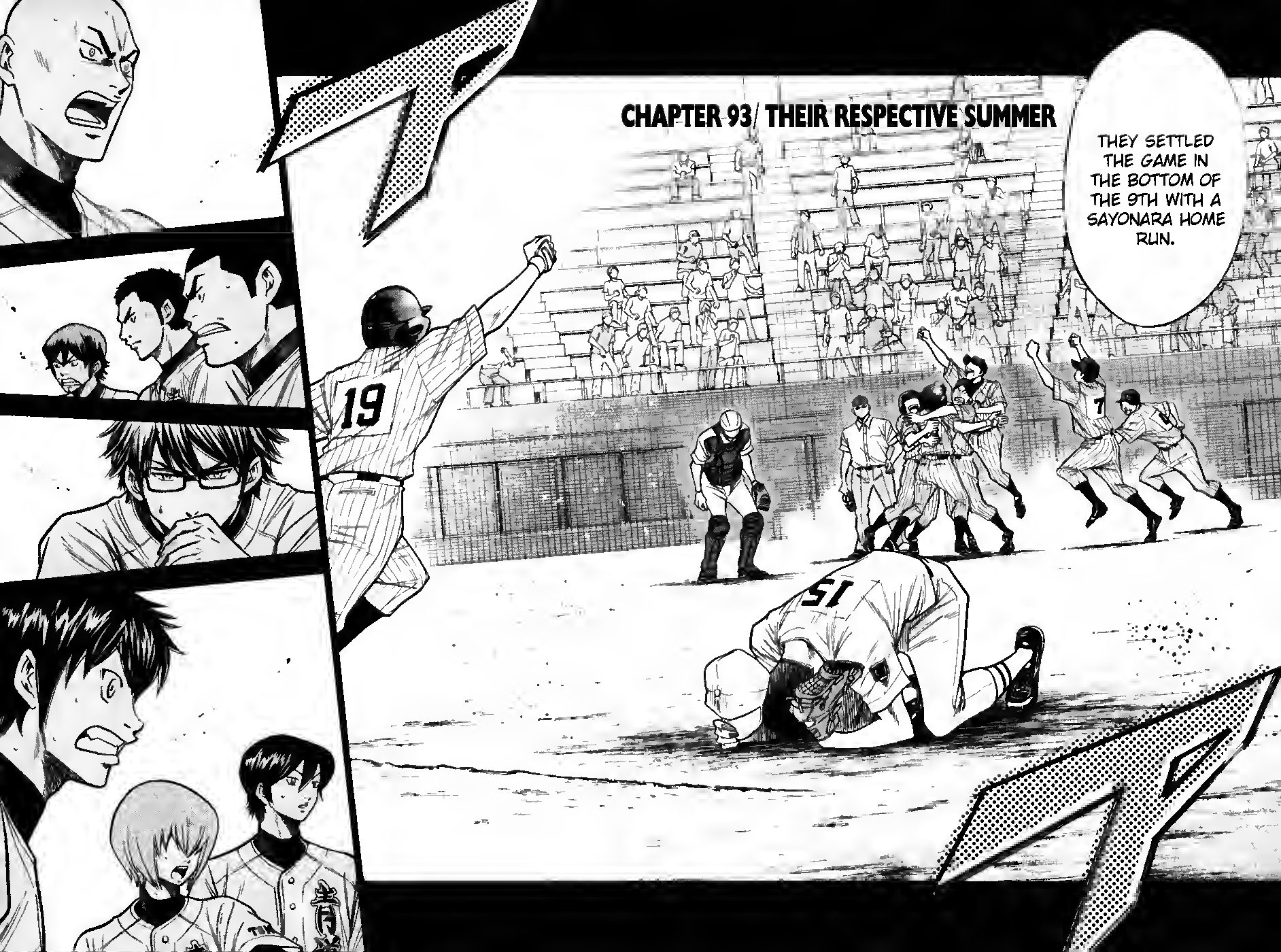
YOU SWITCHED
ME OUT ON
YOUR WHIM
AGAIN!!
IF I HAD THROWN
UNTIL THE END IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN A NO HIT,
NO RUN!!

MEI
～!!
ムスーッ

STOP THAT ALREADY...
Aw, I'm pissed!!
3 MORE UNTIL THE KOUSHIEN ....
I'M NOT TIRED! WE WON ANYWAY!!
WHO CARES. WE WON BY A GOOD MARGIN!!
THE COACH WAS JUST CONSIDERING YOUR EXHAUSTION ...
SAVE YOUR POWER AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FOR THE UPCOMING HARD GAMES!!
IF WE LOSE, WE ARE IMMEDIATELY OUT, ME!!
C-COACH ....
HOW WAS THE GAME AT FUCHUU?
WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK PALE...
I know...

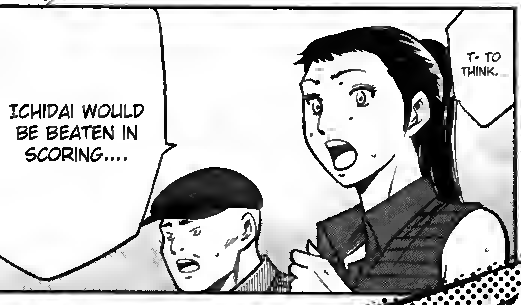
HAH...
HAH...
ICHIDAI
...
ICHIDAI WAS DONE IN BY YAKUSHI....
!

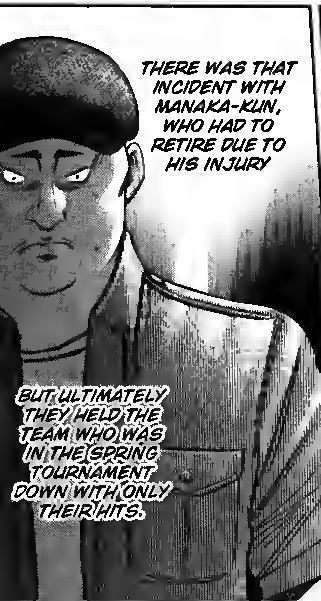
IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 7TH INNING, THE NUMBER 4 BATTER
HIT THE ACE MANAKA —
ダイヤのA エース
IN SOME DESPERATE PLAY HE GOT HIM OUT, BUT RETIRED, INJURED FROM THE GAME THEN AFTERWARDS
WITHOUT THEIR ACE ICHIDAI SHOWED WHAT THEY'RE CAPABLE OFF AND HOLD THEM TO 0 POINTS IN THAT INNING BUT...
YAKUSHI HAD THE MOMENTUM AND SLOWLY CLOSED IN TO THEM..


CHAPTER 93/ THEIR RESPECTIVE SUMMER
THEY SETTLED THE GAME IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 9TH WITH A SAYONARA HOME RUN.

STAND UP, MURAKAMI...
WE'RE LINING UP..
S- STAND UP...
STAND UP, MANAKA...

TN 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 R H E
市大 6 3 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 12 13 1
薬師 4 0 2 1 1 1 0 2 2 13 17 3


ICHIDAI WOULD BE BEATEN IN SCORING....
T- TO THINK.


THERE WAS THAT INCIDENT WITH MANAKA-KUN, WHO HAD TO RETIRE DUE TO HIS INJURY
BUT ULTIMATELY THEY HELD THE TEAM WHO WAS IN THE SPRING TOURNAMENT DOWN WITH ONLY THEIR HITS.

ALL THE BATTERS HAD A HIT AND THEY NEVER BUNTED.
17 HITS AND 13 POINTS.

AN UNBELIEVABLE DARK HORSE SHOWED UP—
IN THIS BLOCK, WHERE ICHIDAI AND SEIDOU WERE THE FAVOURITES
THANKS!!
H- HEY... ICHIDAI... JUST LOST, DIDN'T THEY
Y- YEAH .. TODOROKI-KUN WAS AMAZING..
.....!
BUT STILL NOT MATERIAL FOR THE NUMBER 4.
hmpf
HE GETS TOO AGITATED DURING THE GAME!!
GOT A RIVAL, HUH.

WE CAN SET UP A PLAN UNTIL THE NEXT GAME.
GOOD THING I HAD YOU ALL WATCH THIS GAME.
Nod
B-BOSS!!
LETTING ONE FOCUS ON BREAKING BALLS AND IN THE END THROWING A STRAIGHT.
THERE DEFINITELY WASN'T A MISTAKE WITH THAT TACTIC...
ADJUSTING HIS SWING AND SENDING IT RIGHT BACK AT THE PITCHER.
THAT'S SOME FEARSOME THINKING PROCESS—

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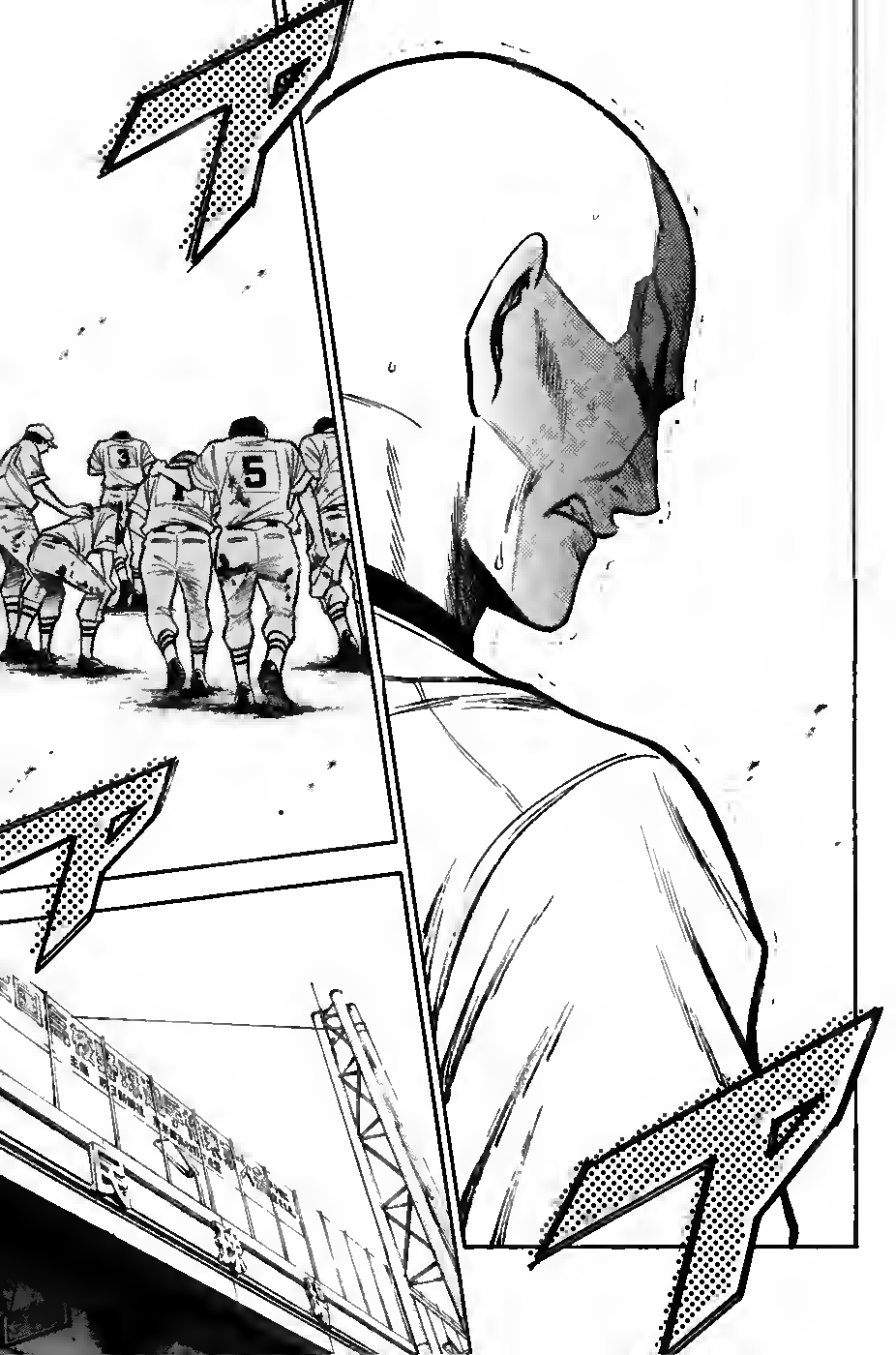
LET'S GO, TANBA...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HUH!? WHERE'S OUR BUS!?
THIS WAY?
NO THIS WAY
WHICH IS IT!!

W-WATER
YOU'RE IN THE DESERT OR WHAT, FURUYA!!
STOP CALLING HIM BOSS
IF WE DON'T HURRY, THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE US BEHIND!!
OUR BOSS IS THAT KIND OF PERSON!!

[Note: The kanji for Todoroki are the "kuruma" kanji 3 times.]
K- KURUMA RAICHI!!!
IT'S TODOROKI-KUN!!
!!
THE GAME JUST ENDED AND HE'S ALREADY PRACTIC-ING -!?
青道

100 LEFT~~~~
IMPRINT TODAY'S BATTING IN YOUR BODY!
AFTER THAT YOU'RE RUNNING HOME!
FROM CLOSE UP THAT SWING'S REALLY AMAZING
EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T HAVE A BIG BODY

I WONDER HOW LONG HE HAD TO PRACTICE TO GET SUCH A SWING.
HEY, HEY, DON'T REST!!
TODAY'S PITCHER... WAS REALLY SPIRITED...
THERE ARE LOT OF PITCHERS IN THIS COUNTRY AS SPIRITED AS HIM.

...
MORE...
I WANT TO HIT MORE... AND MORE...
!!!
うおおおおお
I WANT TO HIT OFF EVERY PITCHER IN THE COUNTRY ～～～!!
Geez
BLOW THEM ALL AWAY!!

YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE PRO LEAGUE, RIGHT RAICHI ....?
THEN YOU CAN FIGHT AGAINST VARIOUS PITCHERS EVERY DAY.
カカカカ
FOR NOW, YOU SMASHED THE SPRING TOURNAMENT PITCHER MANAKA.
AND THE OTHER PITCHERS IN WEST TOKYO THAT ARE WORTH YOUR TIME ARE...
ALL PITCHERS IN THE COUNTRY... PRO...HIS SCALE IS BIG
...
ゴゴゴゴゴ
HE'S JUST THE SAME YEARS AS US...

INASHIRO'S NARUMIYA MEI.
HE'S ABOUT THE ONLY ONE.
西東京
DEFEAT INASHIRO AND GET TO THE KOUSHIEN! YOU'LL JOIN THE STARS AT ONCE!!
NARU-MIYA
AND THEN AFTER TWO YEARS, WHEN YOU'RE GOING PRO, YOUR CONTRACT PAYMENT'S GONNA BE HUGE!
My debt will be settled!!
!
!!

I'LL BLOW HIM AWAY!!
UWAA～ INASHIRO'S NARUMIYA ～～～!!
うぉ～
HOLD IT...
YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST OUR TEAM, AREN'T YOU....
B- BEFORE FACING INASHIRO
青道
青道

HEY~ EVERYONE HERE?
AH!! WE'RE STILL MISSING 3 FIRST-YEARS!
TH- THEY DON'T CONSIDER US AT ALL....
青通高校高
S- SUMI-MURA!! HIM AGAIN!!
TOKYO
EH... YES..
YOU'RE SIMULATING THE GAME AGAINST YAKUSHI?
MAKING THEIR SENIORS WAIT WHEN THEY'RE JUST FRESH-MAN!!
THEY NEED SOME EDU-CATION!!

WELL... I'M REALLY GLAD I WATCHED IT
IF.. WE WENT UP AGAINST YAKUSHI BEFORE ICHIDAI...
...
THAT POWERFUL LINEUP WHO BLEW AWAY ICHIDAI'S PITCHER LIKE SOME CORPSE ..
HOW YOU ARE GOING TO STOP THEM WILL BE THE KEY TO EVERYTHING.

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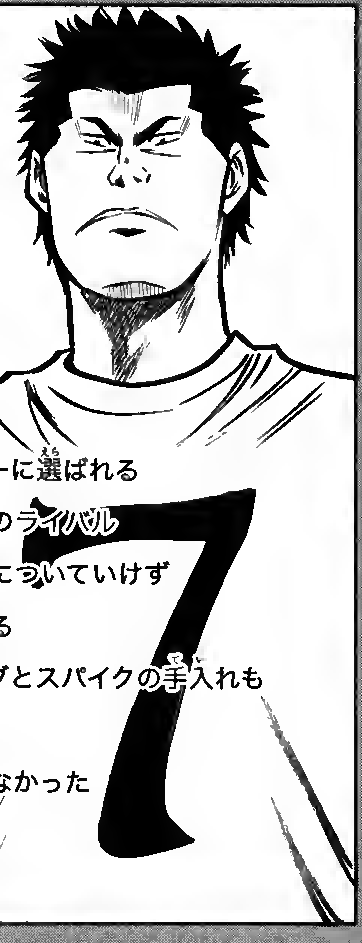

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- 出身地　埼玉県
- ポジション　レフト
- 右投げ右打ち
- 血液型　A型
- 左翼を守る苦労人
- 長打もある中距離ヒッター
- 春から好調をキープしレギュラーに選ばれる
- 三年の門田とは同じポジションのライバル
- 入部当初、青道のレベルの高さについていけず一度だけ退部を考えたことがある
- 毎日素振りを欠かさず、グローブとスパイクの手入れも毎日やっている
- 番号をもらった日、一睡もできなかった（夢だとさめてしまうから）
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・出身地　東京都
・ポジション　ライト
・右投げ左打ち
・血液型　AB型

- 堅実な守備職人
- ミートが上手く、パントも上手い
- バッターの特徴を見抜き
  守備位置を変えるなど
  守備を楽しんでいるタイプ
- ひかえめな性格だが
  闘志を内に秘めている
- 春の大会からレギュラーに
  抜擢される
- 川上とは気の合う友達

・憧れの選手　イチロー

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この巻から出てきた薬師高校。
実は前に描いた読み切り「橋の下のバットマン」に
出てきたチームです。
1巻のあとがきに書いているように、
コミック収録も考えたのですが、
ページが多いのと細かな設定が変わっていることもあり、
マガジンのホームページに載せてもらうことにしました。
親子の関係もより分かってもらえると思います（笑）。
自分でも思い入れの強い作品なので是非!!

寺嶋裕二

臨戦態勢 準々決勝 準備完了 薬師戦開始!!

迷いは要らん!!

名門の自信と、誇りを胸に

自分達の野球を信じろ!!

だがその判断。

ウチの打線には命取りかもしんねーぜ

虎視眈々。様々な戦略で揺さぶりをかけてくる

薬師の策士!

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精密機械・榛投手率いる明川学院との
ベスト8を懸けた死闘がついにクライマックス!
両者譲らず迎えた7回[illegible]。
封殺され続けた青道の機動力が動き出しに!
互いに譲れぬ理由がそこにある……!!
一方、大会を揺るがすダークホースが出現。
甲子園までの道程に新たなる波乱が巻き起こる!?

11
寺嶋裕二
てらじまゆうじ
ダイヤのA
エース

主な登場人物

沢村栄純
長野の弱小チーム出身。熱くて涙もろい。気持ちで戦う投手。出所の見えないクセ球が持ち味　一年生
小湊春市
攻守ともにセンスが光る有望株　ハットコントロールが秀逸　三年の小湊亮介は兄　一年生　セカンド
片岡鉄心
プロ入りよりも母校である青道の監督を選んだ男。指導の厳しい名監督。
御幸一也
青道扇の要。投手の才能を引き出すことに長けている。新聞に取り上げられる、他校の
降谷暁
剛速球が武器の投手。打撃力も怪物
一年生
青道

倉持洋一
沢村と同室。沢村をイメるのが好き。鉄壁の守備力。二年生。ショート。
小湊亮介
青道一の技巧派プレーヤー。見た目と裏腹に毒舌。三年生。セカンド。
川上憲史
リリーフ経験豊富な抑えの投手。気の弱いところがある。二年生。
丹波光一郎
変化球が持ち味の投手　エースに覚醒しつつあった時　肘を故障　三年生

滝川・クリス・優
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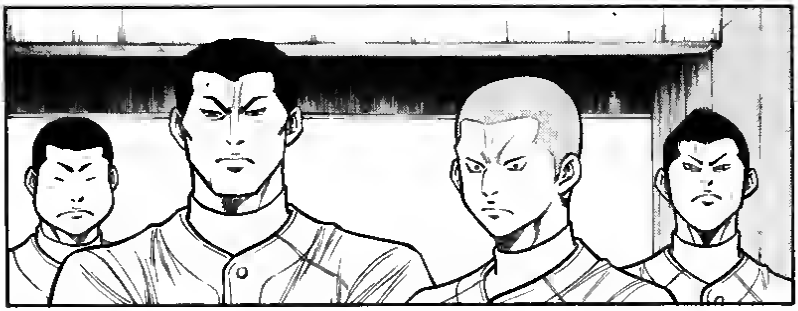

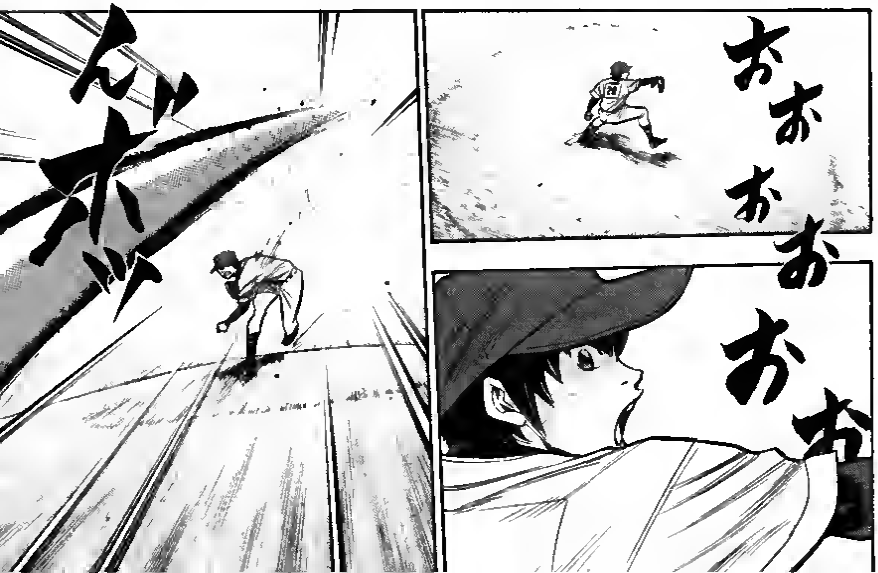
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Chapter 85: No mark

1 OUT
HE GOT ME....
OHH~~~HE GOT YOU!!
FOR REAL! WOW!
QC GOT YOU, DAMN RIGHT HE DID XD
I- IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?
THE SEIDOU TEAM SURE IS IN AN UPROAR.

A MOVING BALL, HUH.
HIS FORM ISN'T JUST HIDING HIS ARM MOVEMENT.
TO THINK THEY HAD A PITCHER LIKE HIM BESIDES THE ACE AND THE SIDE-THROWER...
WOW! HE'S IN TOP FORM...

BOTTOM OF THE 6TH,
2 OUTS, RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND.
S
TOKYO
YOU CAN LET THEM HIT, SHUN!!
WE'LL CATCH IT.
A
DEFINITELY CATCH IT!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY INNINGS I PITCH—
NO MATTER HOW MANY PITCHES,

AS LONG AS THEY DON'T TAKE ANY POINTS,
WE WON'T LOSE THE GAME.

AKIKAWA ISN'T SO BAD...
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS...
UNTIL I SAW YOU'S PITCHING.
TO KEEP SEIDOU'S LINE-UP AT JUST 2 POINTS AFTER 6 INNINGS!
Nice
LET'S GET BACK AT THEM, SHIRAI-SENPAI!!
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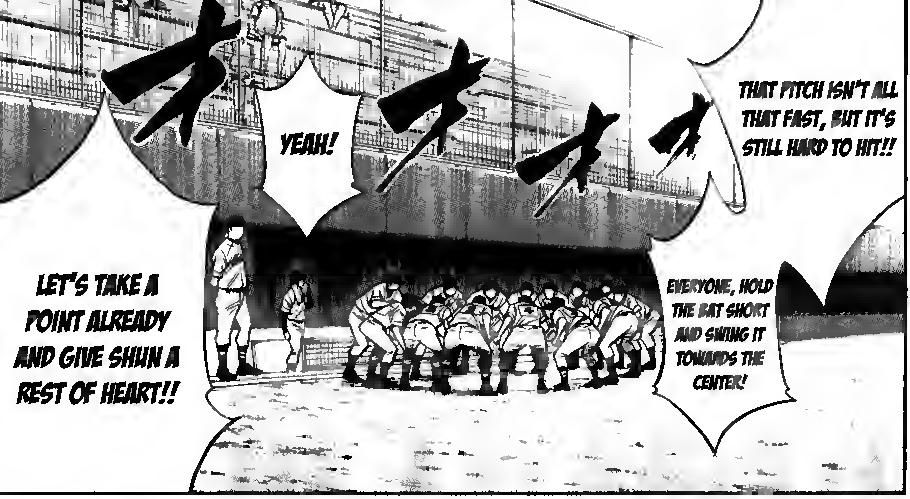
SEIDOU'S PITCHER IS A FIRST-YEAR...?
TOKYO
YEAH... BUT HE WASN'T IN THE DUGOUT DURING THE KANTOU TOURNA-MENT.

HE'S CAPABLE ENOUGH TO KEEP TANBA AND KAWAKAMI ON THE BENCH...
THE TEAM WHO FIRST SCORES ANOTHER POINT WILL SURELY BE A STEP CLOSER TO VICTORY.
ANYWAY, THE FINAL STAGE WILL BRING THE CONCLUSION...
IF IT WERE ME—
...
HE THROWS WELL PLACED INSIDE ONES TOO, BUT THE OUTSIDE ONES ARE BETTER AFTER ALL...
ANOTHER OUT-OF-THE-ZONE BREAKING BALL!

TAKE SOME SWINGS AND GET READY, KOMINATO.
BE READY AT ANY TIME.
ALSO, TANBA.
YOU'RE—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YEAH!
THAT PITCH ISN'T ALL THAT FAST, BUT IT'S STILL HARD TO HIT!!
LET'S TAKE A POINT ALREADY AND GIVE SHUN A REST OF HEART!!
EVERYONE, HOLD THE BAT SHORT AND SWING IT TOWARDS THE CENTER!

GET ON BASE NO MATTER WHAT. DEAD BALL OR WHATEVER...

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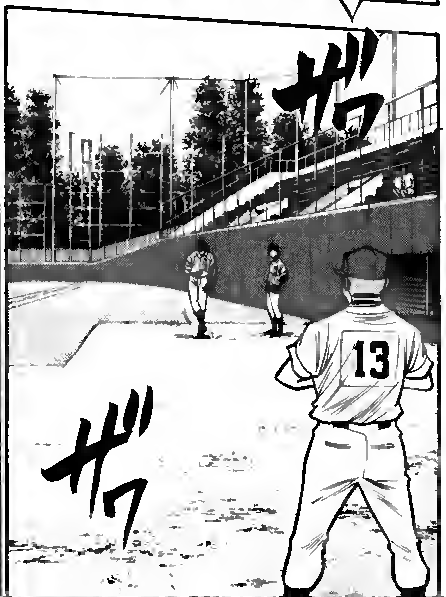
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WHAT!?

THE ACE'S IN THE BULLPEN—
TANBA...
THIS IS A JOB ONLY YOU, WHO SHOULDERS THE ACE NUMBER, CAN DO....

PUT PRESSURE
ON THE OPPONENT'S BENCH FROM THE BULLPEN OUT!!
NO WAY...
SO FROM THE BEGINNING, THEY WERE HOLDING HIM BACK, PLANNING TO GO ALL OUT IN THE LATER HALF?
THE ACE AT THIS POINT OF THE GAME?
THAT CAN'T...
N-NO...

THEIR BENCH SHOULDN'T HAVE ANTICIPATED...
THAT THEIR STARTING PITCHER WOULD SWITCH OUT IN THE 4TH INNING...
WHAT WAS ALSO BEYOND OUR SPECULATION WAS
THAT NO MARK, FIRST YEAR SOUTHPAW
20

JUST THROW QUICK.
YOU CAN MESS UP THE COURSES.
DON'T GIVE THE BATTER THE TIME TO THINK.

T- THEY STILL HAVE...
TWO EXCEPTIONAL PITCHERS IN RESERVE...
1
10
AWW~2 OUTS!
JUST...
JUST ONE POINT...
GUH...

JUST ONE POINT SEEMS SO FAR AWAY—
明川 2000000
道 000200
TH- THREE EASY OUTS THIS INNING TOO?
WHY CAN'T THEY HIT THESE PITCHES..
HE'S ONLY THROWING STRAIGHTS!
BUT IT'S A QUICK AND SMART PITCHING.
THOUGH IT LOOKS IDIOTIC.
WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?

SAWAMURA...
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SAWAMURA EIJUN.

OHHH!?
20
NICE PITCH-ING.
NICE BALL.
I DON'T PRAISE YOU BECAUSE YOU IMMEDIATELY LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.
THEY'RE PRAISING ME.
S- SEIDOU'S BIG TWOS ARE PRAISING ME...
YOU GUYS PLAN TO TAKE THIS GAME INTO EXTRA-INNINGS?
IF YOU'RE REALLY AIMING TO RULE THE NATION...

THEN TAKE AS MANY POINTS
AS YOU CAN IN THE REMAINING INNINGS.
KOMINATO HARUICHI-KUN
SEIDOU HIGH SCHOOL, SUBBING PLAYERS.
NUMBER 8, SAKAI-KUN SUBS IN FOR